

# Walpole, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectboard, Administrative Assistant: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, closed Wednesday; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, 7 am - 8 am, 3:30 pm - 7 pm, closed Friday**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

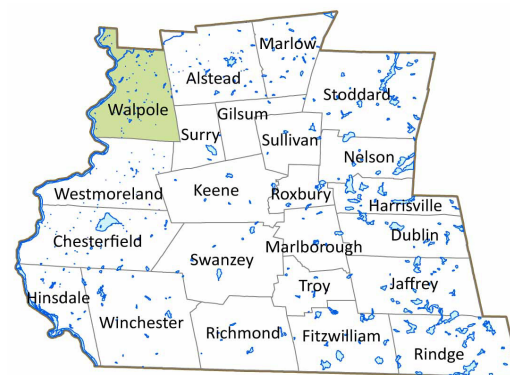
**District 2**  
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**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 1**

**Incorporated: 1752**

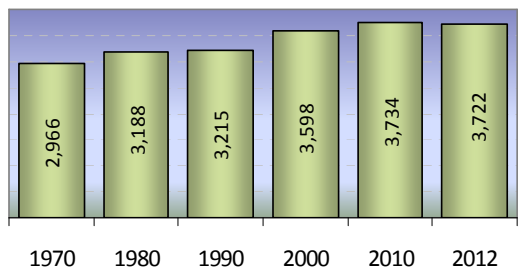
**Origin:** This territory was first granted by the Massachusetts government in 1736 as No. 3, the third in a line of settlements along the east side of the Connecticut River which was sometimes called Great Falls. In 1752, Governor Benning Wentworth granted the territory to Benjamin Bellows and others as Walpole in honor of Sir Robert Walpole, first Prime Minister of England. Colonel Benjamin Bellows, for whom Bellows Falls, Vermont, was named, built a large fort at Walpole for defense against Indian attack, and had surveyed most of the Connecticut River towns. The grant was renewed in 1781 due to the Indian wars making completion of grant terms impractical.

**Villages and Place Names:** Drewsville, North Walpole

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,245 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



**Population Trends:** Population change for Walpole totaled 897 over 52 years, from 2,825 in 1960 to 3,722 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 12 percent between 1990 and 2000; percent change over the three previous decades were all below ten percent. The 2012 Census estimate for Walpole was 3,722 residents, which ranked 99th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 106.1 persons per square mile of land area. Walpole contains 35.2 square miles of land area and 1.5 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	<b>\$3,149,948</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>Not Available</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1950/10</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2001</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Pending</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; WRAP; Hooper Institute; Recreation</b>

Public Library      **North Walpole Public; Walpole Town**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>18 miles</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>19 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>N. Walpole/Walpole Water</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Comcast; Fairpoint</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.18</b>	
2012 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.25</b>	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>79.3%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>15.5%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>5.2%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		(ACS 2007-2011)
Total Housing Units	<b>1,529</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,135</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>257</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>98</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>39</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2012	<b>3,723</b>	<b>76,918</b>
2010	<b>3,734</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>3,598</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>3,215</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>3,188</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>2,966</b>	<b>52,364</b>

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,856</b>	Female <b>1,888</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>288</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>778</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>515</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,292</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>391</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>480</b>
Median Age	<b>39.3 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>95.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>33.5%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2007-2011)
Per capita income	<b>\$25,894</b>	
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$68,191</b>	
Median household income	<b>\$61,806</b>	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	<b>\$41,272</b>	
Female	<b>\$35,335</b>	
Families below the poverty level	<b>3.1%</b>	

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2002	2012	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,936</b>	<b>1,953</b>	
Employed	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,867</b>	
Unemployed	<b>54</b>	<b>86</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>504</b>	<b>504</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 666</b>	<b>\$ 857</b>		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>773</b>	<b>729</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 592</b>	<b>\$ 761</b>		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,233</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 621</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	<b>60</b>	<b>111</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 392</b>	<b>\$ 317</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,344</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 611</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>		

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>157</b>	<b>149</b>		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; UNH School of Law; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **87**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Whitney Blake	Coiled cords	105	1965
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	88	
Frank W. Whitcomb	Sand, gravel, hot mix	85	1932
Len-Tex, Inc.	Wallpaper	55	1993
Cold River Materials	Sand, gravel	30	1997
Hubbard Farms, Inc.	Poultry breeder	25	1931
Walpole Savings Bank	Banking services	25	1875
Hicks Machine, Inc.	Machine shop	20	1950

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>12, 123</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exits 5 - 6</b>	
Distance	<b>5 miles; 4 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>Green Mtn. RR</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>40 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>80 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>177 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>107 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>227 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>221 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2007-2011)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>72.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.8%</b>
Worked at home	<b>13.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>19.7 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence	<b>63.6</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>6.6</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>29.8</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Ascutney &amp; Okemo (VT)</b>
	Other: